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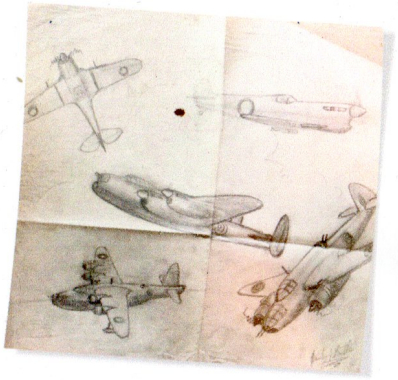
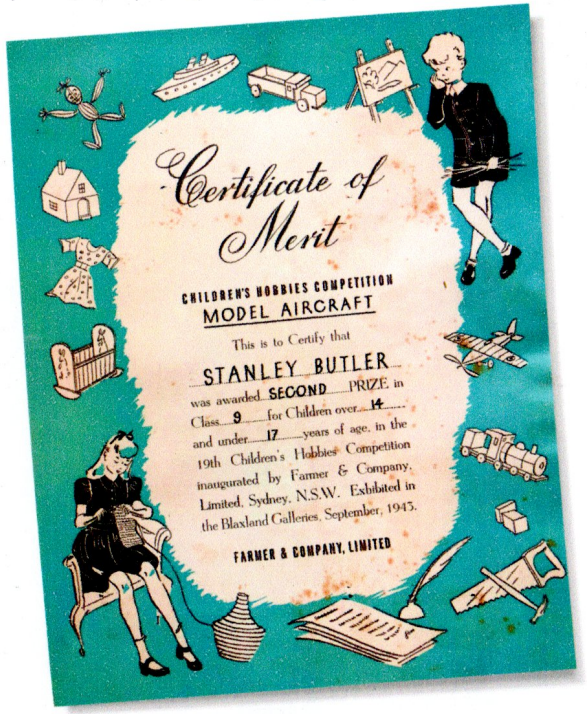


The third son of Florence Dixon and Arthur George Butler, Stanley grew up in Annandale and attended Stanmore Technical High School.

After Art school Stanley worked as a draughtsman for De Havilland, designers and builders of military and passenger aircraft, where he combined his skill as an artist with his love of planes. His eldest brother Arthur was a rear gunner in the WWII, and both Arthur and his brother Leslie were keen makers and flyers of model aircraft. Stanley was occasionally the runner who fetched a plane that had landed farther afield. Never far away was younger sister Florence, who idolised all her brothers, every moment of their long and eventful lives.

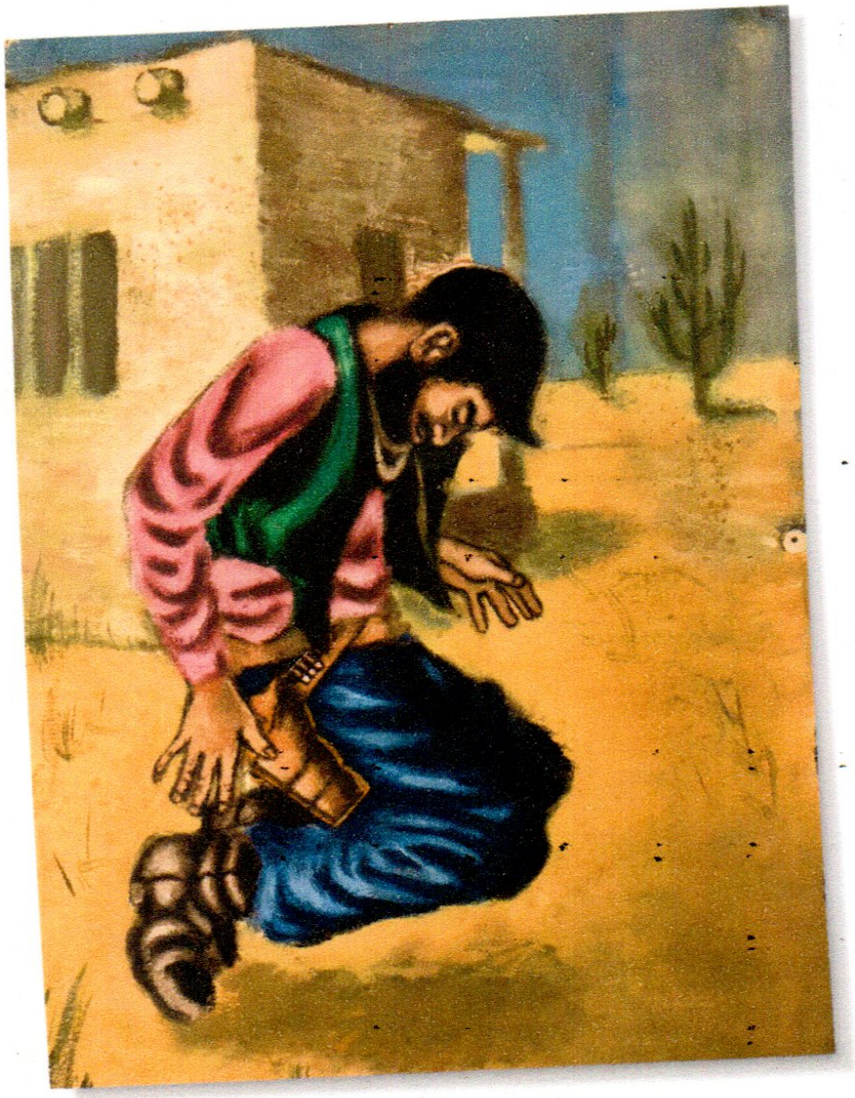
Stanley's art folio revealed a finished artwork of planes plus many sketches and hand-carved models of aircraft. His folio also included an art prize certificate for a model aircraft he had made whilst he was at school in 1943. After leaving De Havilland, his working life took him to New Guinea with Qantas and then back to Mascot until his retirement in the early 1980's.

His second passion was music and he made a collection of tapes of the 1930's and 1940's Jazz greats harking back to his formative years, and he would undoubtedly have been a regular face at the Jazz clubs and Art Galleries around Sydney in his younger days.


Certificate of Merit
CHILDREN'S HOBBIES COMPETITION
MODEL AIRCRAFT
This is to Certify that
STANLEY BUTLER
was awarded SECOND PRIZE in
Class 9 for Children over 14
and under 17 years of age, in the
19th Children's Hobbies Competition
inaugurated by Farmer & Company,
Limited, Sydney, N.S.W. Exhibited in
the Blaxland Galleries, September, 1943.
FARMER & COMPANY, LIMITED

When you come to the edge of all the light you have known, and are about to step out into darkness, Faith is knowing one of two things will happen; there will be something to stand on or you will be taught to fly.

Richard Bach,
author of Jonathan Livingston Seagull



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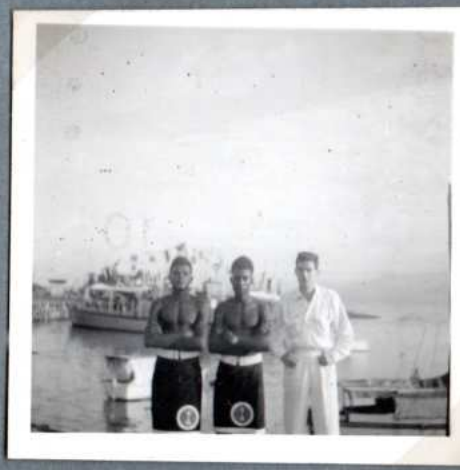

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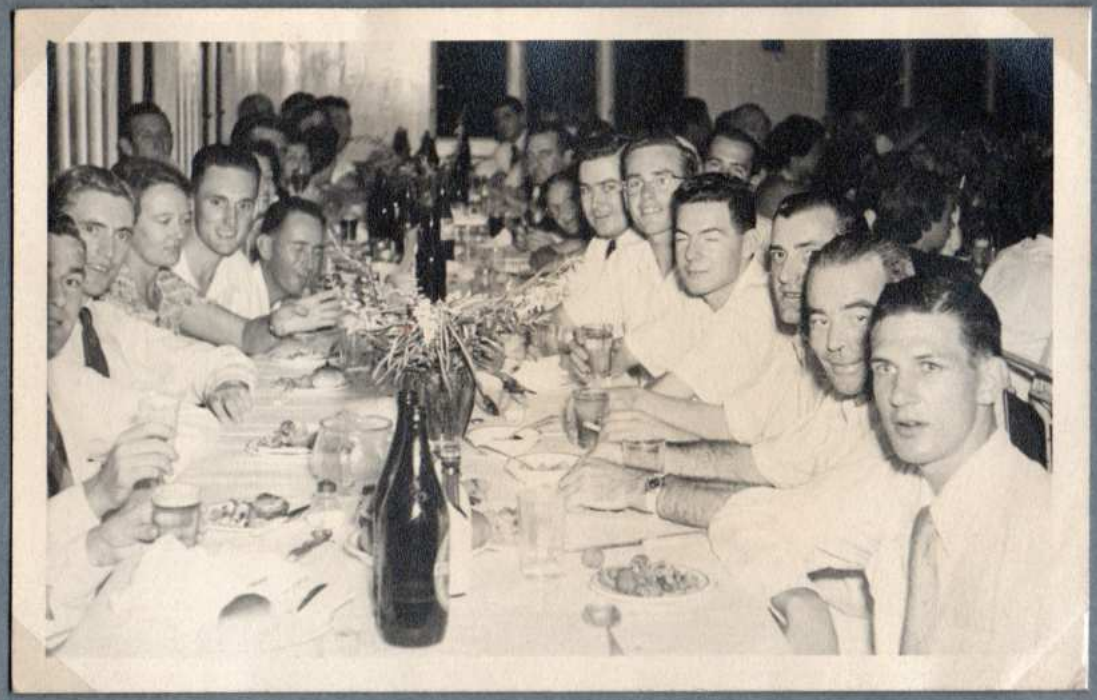

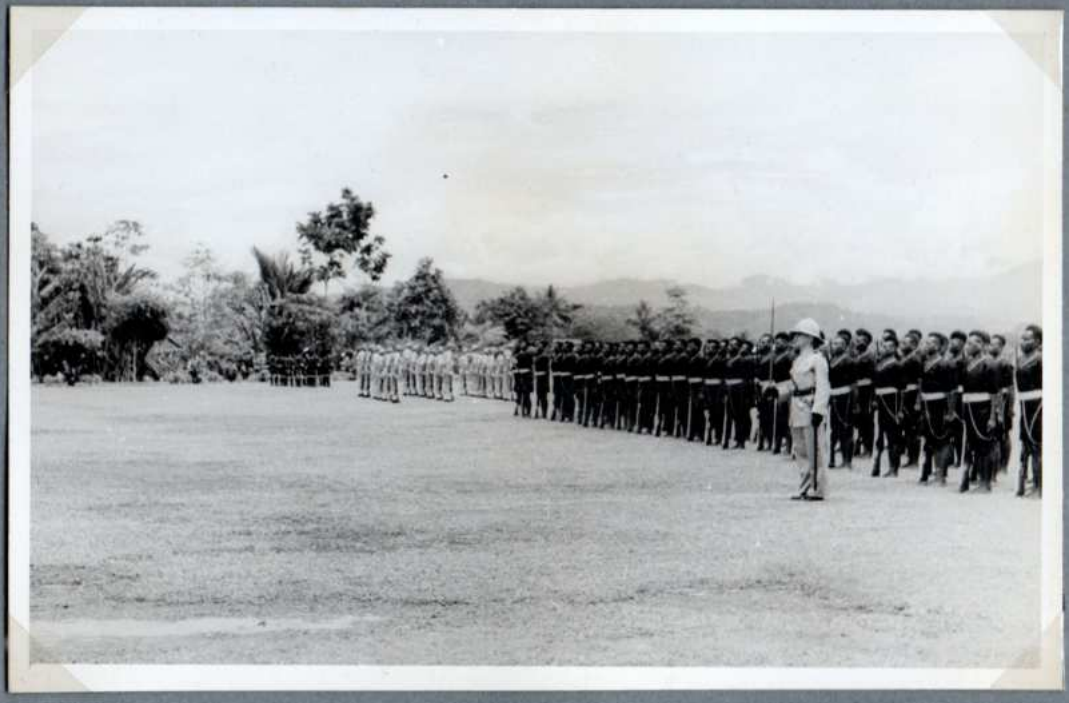

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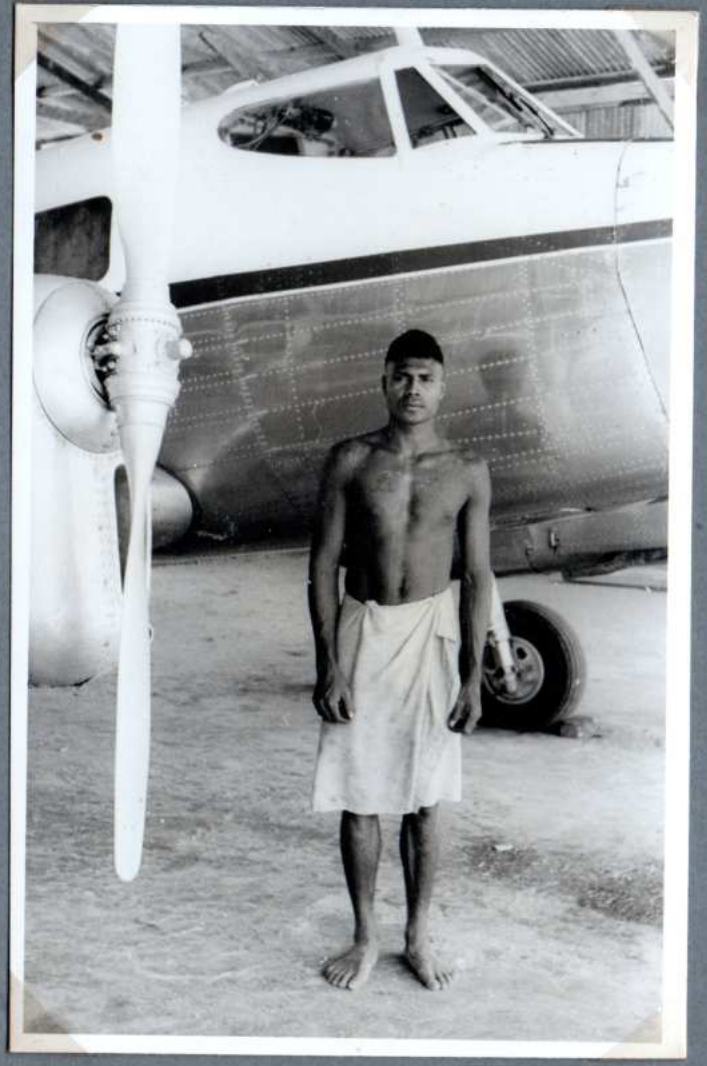

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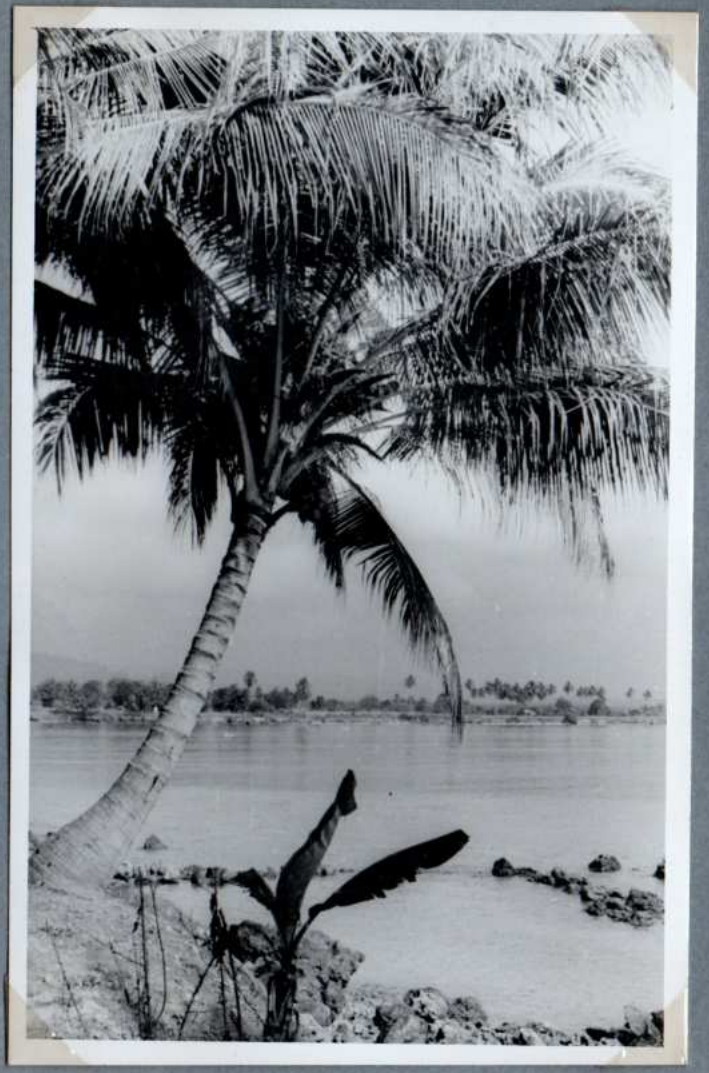

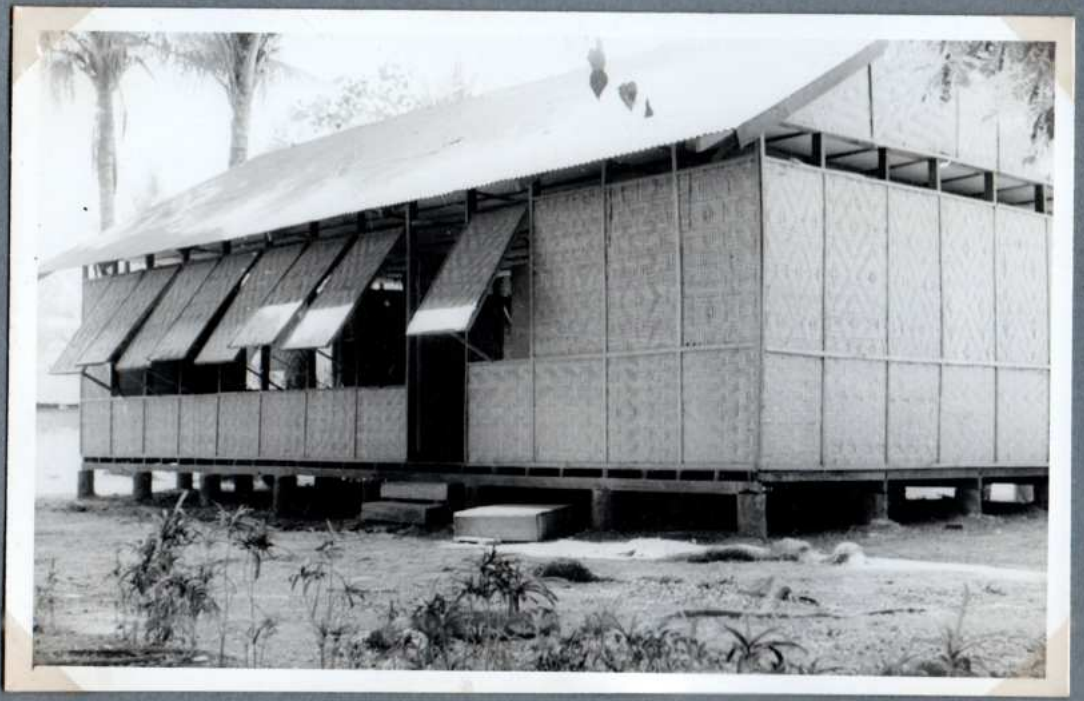

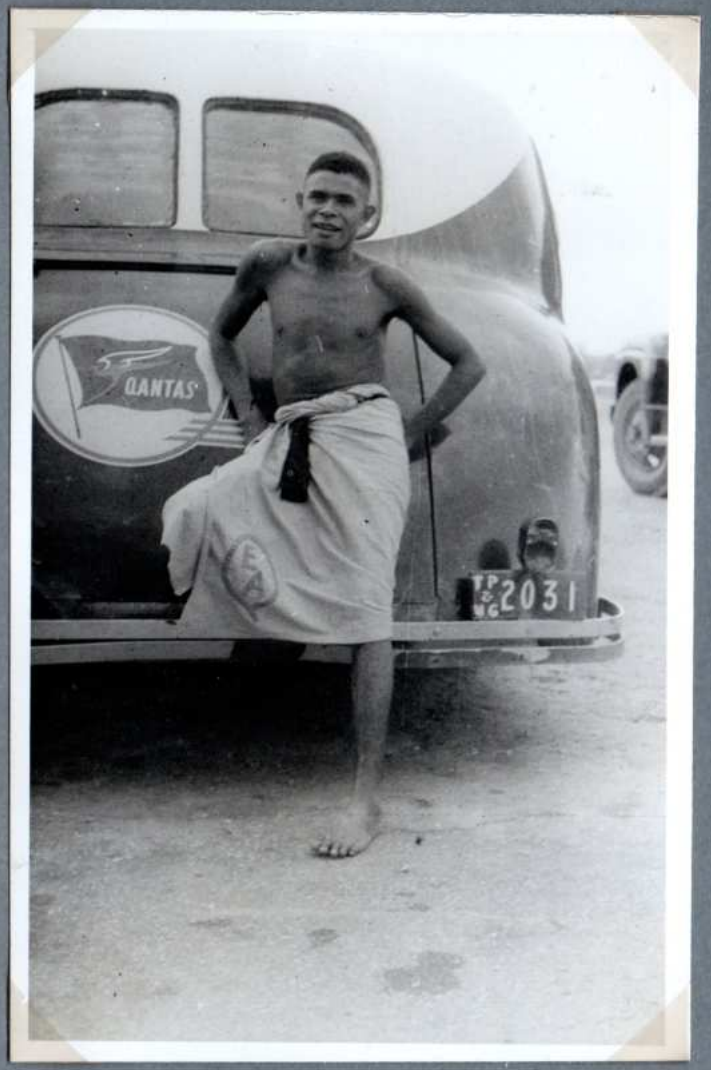
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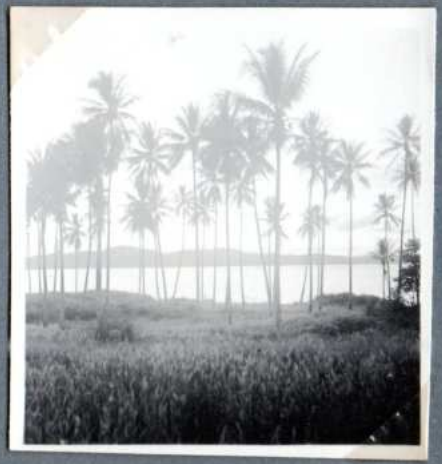

Freighter

Merchant Venturer
"Freighter"